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THE FIREMEN OF NEW ORLEANS.

MR EDITOR:—The progress of our fire organization, since the commencement, has been the most remarkable fact of the age. Its growth at first was tolerably slow, but year after year it increased in importance and power until it has now twenty-six fire engines, four hook and ladder and one hose companies. The first company formed was Volunteer No. 1, of which a list of the members' names is subjoined.

Volunteer Fire Engine Company 1 was organized on April 19th, 1828. The following preamble and by-laws were adopted. They are somewhat unique, being different from those of the present day:

"Being fully impressed with the necessity and utility of well organized fire engine companies, we, the subscribers, do agree to form ourselves into a company by the name of the Volunteer Fire Engine Company No 1, and pledge ourselves to conform to the following by-laws:

"ART 1. The officers of this company shall consist of a foreman, assistant foreman, secretary, treasurer and steward."

Other rules and by-laws similar to those of the fire companies existing at present.

The by-laws were printed and approved by the Hon. Mayor of the city of New Orleans, Denis Prieur, June 23, 1828.

Officers and members of the company at the time of organization, April 19, 1828, viz:

H'y Buckman, Foreman, A Hendrickson,* Treas'r.
L U Gaiennie, Sec'y. Sam'l Short, Steward.

PRIVATES.

Joseph Terrell*	Salem Trushe*
Timothy Dow*	Marcus Huling
John Hoey	T Beaboat*
S E Kip	D Prune*
J W Judkins*	T Reardon
Jno Smith*	Thos Dawson*
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J Leonard*	Luke Collins*
Jno Roach*	Wm Laughton*
E Terrell*	John Luther*

(Those marked thus * are since dead)

The companies now in existence are:

Volunteer Fire Co.	No. 1	James Gulick	No. 17
Mississippi	2	Jackson	18
Vigilant	3	Protection	19
Neptune	4	Washington	20
Columbia	5	Orleans	21
Mechanic	6	Jefferson	22
Eagle	7	Chalmettee	23
Phœnix	8	Crescent	24
Creole	9	America	25
Louisiana	10	Milneburg	No 1
Franklin	11	Lafayette H & L Co	1
Iran Ferry	12	American	2
Perseverance	13	Hope	3
Philadelphia	14	Pelican	4
Jefferson	15	Louisiana Hose Co.	
Red Rover	16		

These Companies had, as per report to the Firemen's Charitable Association on 1st January last, twenty-nine hundred and ninety active, and three hundred and ten exempt members, making the total force three thousand and three hundred men

The Charitable Association was formed in 1835, to relieve the widows and orphans, and indigent members, or those who may be injured while in the discharge of their duties. The Association has three Cemeteries, viz: Cypress Grove Nos. 1 and 2, and Greenwood Cemetery; and also owns other property in the city. The following are the officers for the present year:

C. Kursheet, President, E. L. Bercier, Vice P.
Jas Beggs, Secretary, A. Belanger, Treas.

The officers for the two preceding years, under whose administration the Association was released from debt and placed in a flourishing condition, were

President, John E. Caldwell, Amer. H & L 2.
Vice P., Jas. M. Vandegriff, Phœnix F Co. 8.
Secretary, John L. Viven, Hope H & L. 2.
Treasurer, E. L. Bercier, Louisiana F. E. 2.

On the fourth of March last, the Department were to elect their first Chief Engineer, and one Assistant for each district; also, to celebrate their 18th Anniversary, which promised to excel any of its predecessors in splendor, numbers and discipline.

The city authorities are about to have an experiment with the steam engine, having ordered one from Cincinnati

In a short time I shall be in possession of the statistics of the Department in full, which shall be furnished to you. J. L. V.

There were twenty thousand fires in London in the past twenty four years; an average of more than two fires each day!

We are called upon says the Toledo Blade, to announce the marriage of Mr John Paddle to Miss Canoe. The happy groom can exclaim with the poet—

"I paddle my own canoe."

Yes, adds the American Courier, and if he does not mind how he navigates, he may chance to get "upset" too!

No danger of that he permits no one else to put an oar in.

[From Harper's Magazine.]

At the risk of giving a very sombre tinge to the pages of this month, we must attach to this sad story of crime, that of a favorite paragraphist of Paris, Gerard de Nerval, who, on one of the bitter mornings which closed the Paris January was found hanging by the neck to a window grating, in one of the most obscure streets in the city, quite cold and dead.

Did he himself choose so strange a place and time to finish his "feuilleton" career, (giving thus a rich subject for Guinot and Gautier, and the rest,) or was he the victim of a crime?

Even now the question is not wholly determined There was indeed nothing about the man to tempt assassination for robbery's sake; and his irregularities of life, (with which his life was full) were of too gross a level to expose him to the vengeance of any rival. But on the contrary it was observed that the body, swinging as it did upon the outer wall of a crazy old hotel, was dressed as usual, even to the hat. Could a man commit suicide with his hat on? The question has been mooted by the journalists, not so much in relation to etiquette (as the reader might suppose) as to mechanical laws. We cannot learn that any definite decision has been arrived at.

But who was Nerval? We will tell all we know. He was a man of forty and odd years, born in Paris, under the name of Labrunie. His father was an army surgeon, who wished nothing more than that his son should accomplish himself in hospital practice, and in deft management of the scalpel. But the son, Gerard Labrunie, loved poetry more than his father's physic, and so came to make stolen visits in the corners of journals, under the name of Gerard de Nerval. His grace of expression, and his dainty fancies, soon made his papers remarked, and he received a rare and welcome aid in the voluntary praise of Goethe, whose Faust had been rendered into French by the son of the surgeon

All this while he was scarce eighteen, and enrolled in the classes of the college Charlemange His vacations were spent at this time at the home of an uncle, who lived in the little village of Ermonville; here Gerard lent himself to the village frolics with the warmth of young blood and the dreams of a poet. He danced with the village girls; he made madrigals, in which some fare-ankled Sylvie became a nymph; and he astounded the village Cure by the richness and the wantonness of his muse.

Once when they danced in the season of the vintage, Gerard coquetting with his Sylvie, there appeared upon the lawn a strange girl, with light complexion and hair whom they called Adrienne, and with whom Gerard, as the special ornament of the fete, danced again and again, feeling his blood run high when the flaxen ringlets of the fair Adrienne touched his cheek, and listening to her voice when she sang an old song of melancholly and of love in the dusk of the evening, with an earnest which, they say, never wholly left him till it ended on the window-grating, where he hung in January.

The girl Adrienne, true to a good romance, was of a noble family, and had come for the day only from a neighboring chateau, to have her last familiar look at the world; for within a month, the story ran, she was to enter a convent, and her flaxen ringlets were to give place to the cap of a novice.

Gerard de Nerval brooded over the memory of that dance upon the lawn—of the golden curls which waked wild dreams in him—of the low voice, plaintive and soft—of the moon rising over the towers of Ermonville—of the rustle of the night air in the elm trees—of the dew gathering into crystal drops upon the grass!

But the chateau gates closed upon the figure of Adrienne, and on his next visit she was nowhere to be seen except by her sister novices.

Meantime Nerval grew mystic over Faust, and very dreary, with his memory of Adrienne. The passing years found him a regular 'collaborateur' in the journals of Paris. The death of parents brought him a little fortune, which he soon squandered in the purchase of rare and ancient bits of furniture; such as a carved bedstead, which at one time had served the Queen of France, or a jewelled watch of some old date whose only value lay in its history. He stored these quaint purchases in various garrets of the town, which he rented for the purpose, sometimes passing the night in one, and sometimes in another; but oftener wandered widely from home and from sense, he lingered for days together in the worst haunts of the city.

Always, as his friends would say, there seemed to float tenderly over him the memory of the figure of Adrienne; and with all his waywardness was blended a refined sensibility, which made friends cling to him even amidst his vices.

One day—it was now many years after he had passed his autumn vacations at Ermonville—he was startled at the sight of Adrienne [or so it seemed to him] upon the stage of a metropolitan theatre.

Could it be so? He went to Ermonville to inquire among those who knew her; but he gained little satisfaction. Her religious life had, indeed, taken a bad turn; she was no longer a nun. She had, doubtless, broken away from the cruel restraints around her, and meeting no sympathy among her natural protectors, had thrown herself wantonly upon the world.

Even now, flaming as he was with the old fire re-lit, Gerard de Nerval did not suddenly venture to approach the lost and found Adrienne. He would write a play for her; he would be present at the rehearsals; he would be thrown near her; he would be happy; the matter would arrange itself; there would be no demand upon his sensative nature; he would escape the effort of boldness.

So he wrote the play, with Alexandre Dumas to aid him, and he saw Adrienne; but his castle toppled down to the ground. She had learned 'fierte'; he was timid and sensative as a boy. He was really farther from any approaches when in her presence than when dreaming of her in his garret.

She had a hundred admirers—the least of them bolder than poor Gerard. He lamented his weakness, and he nursed it. He strolled by night around the house where she slept; he drank deeply, and wrote drunken madrigals about her, which pained him when he was sobered. His little fortune wasted by degrees, and with it his confidence grew ever less.

Finally, with only a bit of ribbon, which she had worn, to tie up his bruised heart withal, he started away from France. He travelled through Germany and Switzerland, sometimes without a penny in his pocket, and living upon charity; sometimes finding friends who got him employment, to which he would remain very steadfast for ten days together; then, before they could know anything of him, he was gone.

In this way he went through Italy and Turkey, writing back letters which had great beauty, and which were published in the reviews of Paris In some of these he details the strange adventures which befel him in company with a Moslem slave which he had purchased in the market of Cairo; in others he describes, with wonderful force and accuracy, the luxurious modes of the Eastern life; and his periods seem heated with an Oriental blaze.

Yet before he had gone from France, and on his return, his more intimate friends had seen traces in him of the intellectual breaking-up, to which Faust and Adrienne had contributed their share, and which, at the last, very probably occasioned his singular death.

At one time he whispered in confidence that he was the natural son of the first Napoleon; at another he told, as a great secret, the story of his being elected Sultan of the East. Yet all this while he was making up material for the reviews, which compared well with that of the keenest Paris paragraphists, and which only brought him less of wealth or of renown from a certain over-refinement of style or of thought, which buoyed him always above the tamer level, where the popular 'feuilletonistes' made their gains.

Adrienne died while he journeyed in the East, but the ribbon she had worn he cherished still; and there were those among his friends who thought always that from the first sight of her, and the bruised hopes that came in the train of that gay twilight dance, his mad melancholy began.

It was, at any rate, a queer French life he lived; having no home at all—now sleeping in a garret, upon the floor, for fear of doing disonor to some quaint couch which had borne, in its day a worthier man or woman—now stopping with a friend—again buying a loathsome bed, at the cost of five sous for the night; and, in summer weather, lying at times under the open sky, upon a shock of grain, in the fields that skirt Paris.

When the officers of the police cut him down, they found in his pocket a fragment of an unfinished paper publishing in the 'Review de Paris' called "Dream and Earnest." They say, moreover, that the cord by which he was suspended was the faded ribbon which Adrienne once wore.

This looks as if it had been suicide.

The poor fellow's body was taken to the Dead House, and for three days lay exposed there, to whosoever might choose to look on the "talented author." Fancy reading one of his graceful stories, and going there with the memory of his pleasing fancies dancing on the brain, to look at the wretched hulk which held them and which bred them!

His friends—only literary friends, however, for long ago he seems to have been deserted by all others—gained a dispensation, in virtue of which he might be buried in consecrated ground; and his body, with Dumas, Gauthier, Mery, Arsene, Houssaie, and others following after it, was carried to Notre Dame, where it rested a little time (longer we dare say, than in many years before), and thence was borne on, over the icy pavements, by a long road (past the very scene where Lescure suffered a few days before), to Pere la Chaise. There the Literary Fund people had purchased a spot of ground for him to lie upon—the only home he ever knew; and when he quits it we shall all see him.

The Knickerbocker Magazine has the following:—

'I have an acquaintance here, whom I should like you know,' writes a Louisville friend, 'by the name of HORACE M——, some of whose sayings have struck me as worthy of a place in the 'Gossip.' HORACE, one day at table, during the green corn season, asked for some corn. The Irish servant not understanding him stooped down and said, 'Hay!' 'No, *corn*,' said HORACE. Result, he was very soon 'corned.' On another occasion, the fire-bells rang, and HORACE went out to learn something about the fire. On his return, he said, 'It was a small affair; it was a very insignificant house, and the engines soon put it out.' Here his friends began to laugh. 'What are you laughing at?' said he. Why you said the engines put the house out. 'Well, what if I did?' said HORACE totally unconscious of any flaw in his language. This increased the merriment of his friends. HORACE began to think there was something too much of this, and said, in a rather impatient tone, 'I should be obliged if you would inform me of the cause of your merriment,' One of his freinds again explained; 'You *meant* to say the firemen put out the *fire*, but you said they put out the *house*. Well said HORACE, triumphantly, 'was n't the house *a fire*?' And so his friends were 'put out.''

In the U. States during the year 1854, $25,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by fire; 171 lives lost by burning buildings; 198 railroad accidents, involving the loss of 180 lives, and the wounding and maiming of 586 persons; 18 steamboats sunk and burned; killing 580 persons and wounding 228; and there were 820 murders and 84 executions.

Eight more of General Estell's boarders escaped from Corte Madeira, a few days since, only making room for fresh recruits.

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, ... Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 21, 1855.

FIREMEN'S MEETINGS.

Howard Co, No. 3—This [Saturday] Evening.
Vigilant Co. No. 9—Tuesday Evening, April 24.

We call the attention of the Common Council to the fact that the present ordinance [No. 282] restricting citizens from moving or rebuilding wooden structures within the fire limits, is entirely inoperative; and since the new grades have been established it is almost an impossibility for the Fire Wardens to enforce the requirements of the same. The ordinance, as it now exists, should be abolished altogether, or so judiciously remodeled as to meet the exigencies of the times. When it was passed, near two years and a half since, the "Hoadley and modified" grades were not thought of. That parties should have the right of elevating their buildings to meet the present grades, there is not the slightest doubt; and also to place them in the same good order they were in before the change took place. Under the provisions of the ordinance spoken of, they are not allowed so to do, and when an occasional violation of its dictates, in that respect, is passed over by the Fire Wardens, it is for the purpose of not exercising an oppressive prerogative. There are times, however, when the clamors of malicious neighbors will not permit such leniency to be shown.

The limits wherein wooden buildings are debarred being erected or enlarged, are too contracted, extending only along the easterly side of Dupont street to the north-east corner of the same street and Pine, along the latter to Front, and thence to Pacific street, along the southerly line to Dupont street. Lately, large and highly inflammable buildings have been erected on the westerly side of Dupont street, and the southerly side of Clay in the same block; also in Stockton, Pine and Washington streets above Dupont, and in other localities where, in case of fire during the prevalence of the summer winds, immense destruction of property would necessarily follow. The fire limits should be extended at least to include the easterly side of Powell st. to the corner of Sutter, from thence to Front street along the westerly side to Vallejo, and along the southerly line of Vallejo street to the place of beginning.

The Fire Wardens should have the power vested in them of examining brick and stone buildings in the progress of erection; and when a building is being erected, which in their judgment is defective, have power to stop operations upon the same until inquired into by competent builders. Many buildings have been erected in this city, which, in case of a conflagration, a fireman should never think of entering with a pipe unless his will is already made out. If it were not that the State and City are already burdened with a host of office holders, the places of whom are mere sinecures, we would recommend the creating of an office of "Fire Coroner," similar to that already in existence in the city of N. York, whose business it should be to watch the erection of buildings, and investigate the causes of fires. But for the present that duty can be performed by the Fire Wardens already appointed, and we hope, when the ordinance above alluded to is altered to conform to the wishes of the people, the power suggested will be conferred on the Fire Wardens.

A rumor which has gained considerable credence in the Department, relative to the funds arising from the Fire Bonds being improperly speculated upon, led us to inquire into the facts of the case, and from what we have been able to learn in regard to the matter, we can assure the members of the Department that the rumor is without foundation. The total amout of the Bonds has been received, $180,000; out of which, $33,362 has been paid for the several appropriations made by the Common Council, leaving a balance of $146,338, which the officer having custody of the same is ready to pay over, at a moment's notice. We make this explanation in justice to the parties interested, and to allay any feeling which may have been engendered in the Department relative to the subject.

The new Truck intended for Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, is rapidly attaining completion in the shop of Berry & Co., on Bush street, near Sansome. It is almost precisely similar to that of the St. Francis, and will cost when finished, about, $4,500. The Company expect to house their new apparatus about the 10th of May.

In another column will be found the report of the Treasurer of the Fire Department Charitable Fund. The fund has increased since the last report was made $9,272 58, of which amount, $5,923 67 was for interest, and $3,348 91 donations from various sources. During the past year the citizens of San Francisco, outside of the Department, have not been called upon directly, to contribute to the support of the fund, as the firemen, through their Board of Delegates, referred that matter to the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Fund. The receipts of interest money over the relief expenditures for the year, are $3,473 67. We shall not feel secure, however, in the ability of the fund to meet the expenses which it must necessarily incur, until it amounts to the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and then we shall do our utmost to have its income applied to the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased firemen.

We observe that a resolution has been presented in the Board of Supervisors by Alderman Buckingham, asking the County to relinquish all her right and title to a lot on Brenham Place, for the purpose of erecting a Bell Tower. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. It would be well to secure the lot in question, for the purposes intended, without cost to the city, but we think there are two good reasons against locating the tower as proposed. In the first place the excuse given for its removal from the present location, that the ringing of the bell jars upon the sensibilities of the judges and lawyers who assemble in the Hall, is a poor one, and should not have been advanced. On the City Hall in New York, where more lawyers assemble in one day, to transact business, than do here in a month, a bell is erected weighing 33,000 lbs, which rings for alarms twenty times to our Hall bell's once; and yet up to this time the legal fraternity have made no objection to its location, neither do we think they should here. In the second place, if the bell is to be removed from its present location let it be placed in a position where it will do the most good, on a street and on an eminence where the whole city can be taken in at a glance by those having charge of the bell. Stockton and Powell street present much more advantageous positions for a bell tower, than the place proposed in the resolution. For the present uses of the Department we think that, instead of removing the bell from the City Hall, new towers should be erected on Bush street, in the neighborhood of Powell, and towards the North Beach on the same street. By that means much more security would be given to the City than under the present arrangements.

Mr. Frederick Drevar sent in a communication to the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, at their last meeting, setting forth the merits of a steam Engine, of which he was the inventor. The document was referred to a select committee to investigate and report upon, but since then Mr. D. has offered the apparatus to the City. With every wish to facilitate the object Mr. Drevar has in view, and to encourage mechanics of all kinds in our midst, we hope the City authorities will give Mr. D. an opportunity to display the workings of this new candidate for hydraulic fame. Mr. Drevar states that his steam Engine, managed only by two hands, can roll itself to a fire, and in ten seconds after arriving at a cistern, throw six streams of water, and the execution it will do in checking a fire, must speak for itself. A very excellent proviso. We regret that Mr. D. has not mentioned the length of hose those six streams are to flow through, by whom stretched in, the number of feet of suction to supply them, and how two hands will be enabled to hold six pipes, and direct the streams. We regret this inadvertance on his part, otherwise we might have spoken more knowingly on the subject. The "California Steamer" must keep steam up constantly, so as to be ready at a moment's notice; and the power can be applied to any other use, while housed — steam baths for instance, in the second story of the house. The steam Engine of Mr. Drevar has never been tried, and there is not anything known in relation to it, but we will venture to say that it cannot reach a cistern, take suction and get six streams of water on a fire in ten seconds, and we will guarantee that if it can, any Engine in this Department will reach a cistern, take suction, and get two streams on a fire in three seconds, steam Engines to the contrary notwithstanding.

The County, through her Board of Supervisors, has donated the lot on Brenham Place on which the Monumental Engine now stands, to the use of that Company as long as it exists as a Fire company. The position is without exception the finest in the city, and the members have every cause to congratulate themselves on their good fortune.

G. J. Hubert Sunders escaped from this city, on the bark "Elvira Harbeck," on Thursday week last. He is to go to Hong Kong, via Honolulu. Foolish man, why did he not remain until the Legislature legalized his crimes?

THE CASE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

The Chambers of the Board of Assistant Aldermen were crowded to excess on Monday evening, by an anxious assemblage of firemen, representatives from every company in the Department, impatiently awaiting the commencement of business, as it had been made public for several days that the Chief Engineer of the Department, C. P. Duane, was to be arraigned for disobedience of orders. After several false starts, the Board came together at 8 o'clock. The roll being called, but four members, Messrs. Piper, Davidson, Cushman and President Maynard, were present. Messrs. Haight and Story absent. Mr. Davidson made a motion that the Board adjourn until the following evening, [Tuesday] on the ground that Monday being steamer night, the non-appearance of the absent Aldermen was accounted for. Mr. Piper objected, but the motion to adjourn prevailed, and the crowd, greatly disappointed, adjourned at the same time.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen met on Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing the case of Mr. Duane. There being no quorum, the Board adjourned until Wednesday evening, at 7½ o'clock, and the Sergeant-at-Arms ordered to bring Messrs. Piper and Story, the absent members, to the meeting on Wednesday evening. Those present were Messrs. Haight, Davidson, Cushman and President Maynard.—The Chambers of the Board were crowded with firemen, who were not backward in evincing their disapprobation at the delay. Ald. Davidson charged the absent members with a desire to shirk the responsibility of the matter to come before them. This child's play of leaving the Board without a quorum, so as to impede legislation, made a grave charge against an officer look like a farce.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen met on Wednesday evening, in pursuance of adjournment.—Present, Messrs. Haight, Piper, Davidson, Cushman, Story and President Maynard. Messrs. Story and Piper explained the reason why they were absent from the preceeding meetings, stating that it was not from a desire to shirk any responsibility, for that was a thing they never did. The latter gentleman stated he always "faced the music." After the transaction of some preliminary business, the following communication from the Chief Engineer was read, and placed on file:

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
San Francisco, April 16, 1855

To the Hon. the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—I am summoned to appear before your Honorable Body, to show cause for my refusal to remove Manhattan Engine Co, No. 2, pursuant to the order of the Fire and Water Committee.

Animated by a desire to avail myself of any *legitimate* distinction, I have made diligent search for proof that the call for my presence is a "call by authority," but am compelled to report my conviction that the authority to call has never been entrusted to your Honorable Body. Your proffer of an illigitimate distinction is respectfully, yet positively declined.

In accordance with my original purpose, I proceed to place before the Common Council, one or two considerations which impelled me to differ so essentially from the Fire and Water Committee in the matter of the projected removal of the Manhattan Engine Co., No. 2.

On the receipt of the order of said Committee to remove said company, with their apparatus, I inquired of the officers and members if they were willing to be removed. They replied very emphatically in the negative—averring that an attempt at a removal must of necessity destroy their organization. Knowing them to be of the best firemen, I felt justified in declaring a suspension of hostilities until the case should be properly presented before the Common Council. And now, requiring to be well supported to perform what many verily believe a physical impossibility, viz: the removal of Engine *Company*, No. 2, into the Seventh Ward, I respectfully present them as deserving of your further consideration.

At the time the order to remove was received, the engine regularly attached to said company, was at the corporation yard for repairs,—those repairs are not yet complete. The company has in use an engine belonging to a merchant of this city.

The building designated as the depository of the apparatus of said company is not large enough to receive the same; and had said apparatus been removed as ordered, it must have remained in the street at the risk of the owners.

The probability of said company moving or being removed, as per order, was so remote, and as it is a violation of existing regulations for persons other than firemen to work said apparatus, or to draw water fom the public cisterns for the extinguishment of fire, I was forced to the conclusion that the immediate removal of said apparatus would not materially enhance the value of combustible property in the Seventh Ward. Having for so long a time recognized and asked attention to the superior wants and claims of that section—having exhausted alike entreaty and patience in vain endeavors to provide it with good companies, apparatus and cisterns, I was not willing to answer their prayer for bread with a stone.

And finally, on referring to the ordinance contemplating the removal of said company and said apparatus, the astounding fact is revealed that said task is confided *exclusively to the joint Fire and Water Committee.*

Respectfully,

C. P. DUANE, Chief Engineer S. F. F. D.

Mr. Davidson then presented an ordinance, calling upon the Mayor, as an executive officer, to have Manhattan Engine, No. 2, removed into the Seventh Ward. The ordinance was passed unanimously.

A young man named Everett, arrested on Monday last on a charge of forgery, was sent up to the Court of Sessions. We question the right of any officer giving publicity to the private memorandums or the contents of note books of a prisoner, as was done in the above case. We consider it nothing more nor less than an unwarrantable outrage.

It may be said that the subject upon which this article is founded, does not legitimately come within our province, but as the Association of which we profess to be the organ, numbers somewhere in the neighborhood of eleven hundred men, and as they occasionally make use of the Post Office, we intend, not only in their behalf but that of the whole people, to say a few words in condemnation of the new postage law, which has lately been put in force by the Solons who meet at Washington. The daily Press of the city, from some cause best known to themselves, have had but little to say in regard to the matter, and those who have ventured to express an opinion have, with an air of nonchalance, informed the people that they must 'grin and bear it.' We dare to think otherwise. If, instead of weighing down their columns with crushing articles, on the merits and demerits of those who have, in the legislative halls, [from which they have just come] sat quietly by and witnessed the passage of an oppressive measure, conceived, brought forth and made to live for the sole purpose of hampering the people of the State they represented; if, we say, instead of pursuing such a course, the City Press, and that of the State, would unite as if with one voice, and remonstrate against the iniquitous measure, which has already, and will tend to embarrass the people, it would in all probability have some effect, and be the means of compelling those in authority to listen to their complaint.

Since California has been admitted as a State, she has been compelled to bear a more onerous and uncalled for postage tax than any other State in the Union, at the same time paying more in return, into the Treasury of the United States, for mail privileges, than half a dozen States put together. And now, as if she was to be made the scape-goat of the whole party, is compelled to pay seven cents more on each letter than her sister States, and that in advance, for the simple reason forsooth, that she has seen fit to set up for herself a little farther off from home. The Press of this State is capable of changing the position of affairs as they now exist, with this new postage incubus upon the people, and we therefore trust that a stand will be taken in regard to the subject, such as its importance demands.

SACRAMENTO.

Eureka Engine Co., No 1, of Marysville, visited Sacramento on Monday, the 16th, and were guests of Knickerbocker Engine Co., No. 5. A large number of invited guests accompanied them. The company took with them their apparatus, manufactured for them by L. Button & Co., of Waterford, New York, in 1853. After the customary salutes had been gone through with on the "Eureka's" landing, they proceeded to give an exhibition of their playing powers, with the following result: The first trial was through 100 feet of hose and a ⅞ inch nozzle, a stream being thrown thirty feet above the staff on Adams & Co's, a total height of about 115 feet. This was repeated, the engine shifted, and the pipes transferred to the front of Metropolitan Hall.—Two ⅞ streams were thrown fifteen feet above the pole on the Hall, through 150 feet of hose, and afterwards the ball was fairly reached, simultaneously, by three streams—two ¾ and one ⅞ inch. After the trial, the "Eureka's" were escorted to various points of interest in the city, every attention and courtesy was shown them by the firemen of Sacramento, and they returned to Marysville on Tuesday, highly delighted with their visit.

CONDITION OF THE FIREMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 18, 1855.

To amount paid for	Relief, - -		$2,450 00
"	Expenses, - -		18 50
"	Funeral, (Alf Stewart)		75 00
"	Loan, - -	4,500	
"	" -	13,500	17,500 00
"	Balance, Cash, -		5129 08
			$25,172 58
April 18—By Cash on hand	- -		$4,400 00
Interest received,	- -		5,923 67
Principal [paid]	$4.500		
do "	7,000—		11,500 00
Donations rec'd from			
Mrs Baker,	- -	$100 00	
Unknown,	- - -	2.0 00	
H. McAllister,	-	750 00	
Miss Heron,	- -	750 00	
Imp Fire Ins. Co. London,		250 00	
Lee & Marshall's Circus,		283 75	
Ole Bull,	- - -	294 00	
C K Garrison,	- -	466 66	
Bateman benefit,	- -	854 50—	3.348 91
			$25.172 58
April 18, 1855—By Cash on hand,		- -	$5,129 08

The fund now amounts to $31,129 08, of which amount $25,000 is loaned on bond and mortgage, at 2 per cent. per month, and $1,000 at 2½ per ct. The balance is on hand in cash. Although the donations for the past year have been small, yet it will be observed that they exceed the total amount paid out. None of the loans have been in any way jeopardised by the recent financial reverses, as they are all made on real estate at four times its value, as required by the Constitution of the Fire Department.

HENRY HAIGHT, Treasurer.

THEATRICAL.

The sterling comedies produced at the 'American' by the talented company, continue to draw a full attendance every night. Miss Keene has been quite unwell during the week, yet she has performed as usual, admirably. Her personations of Constance, Claribel Arlington, Lucy Arundel, Master Bob Nettles, and others, have been greeted with continued applause. Mrs. Thoman as Waddilove, is certainly unapproachable. Mrs. Judah is always good, and was called before the curtain after her performance of Frow Dummicks in the 'Sergeant's Wedding.' Mr. Wheatleigh is an excellent actor, plays without effort, and is easy and gentlemanly in his address; he is very popular, and deserves to be so. To-night the whole strength of the company will appear, and we expect to see another crowded house.

At the Metropolitan, Josh Hillsbee, the famed Yankee comedian, has been the star of attraction during the week, and the Theatre has been well attended. Several new dramas, in which Mr. S. will sustain the leading characters, are in rehearsal, and will soon be brought forward. Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Kent and Mr. Wilder are gaining friends rapidly, and are already decided favorites. It is the intention of the Manageress, we understand, in a very short time to increase the attractions at the Metropolitan by introducing new faces, and producing attraction of rare merit.

The San Francisco Minstrels have returned, and will reopen their Hall, which has been refitted and decorated, this evening. They will meet with a cordial "welcome home."

A bill to "legalize" the crimes of Harry Meiggs, passed the Senate on the 17th.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS
DURING THE WEEK.

April 14th, 9 o'clock, P. M.—alarm false. 15th, 9 o'clock, P. M.—alarm false. 16th, 8½ o'clock, P. M. Still alarm—Chimney Rail Road Bakery. Engines 3, 4, 5 and 7 at the ground, ready for service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

☞ **Howards Attention.—You are hereby** requested to meet at the Engine House, on this [Saturday] evening, 21st inst., at 7½ o'clock, for Drill. Every member is requested to be present.

By Order, CHAS L. BARRUS, Sec'y pro tem.

☞ **Vigilant Engine Company, No. 9.—An** adjourned monthly meeting of this Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, 24th inst. at 7½ o'clock.

By Order, A. I. ELLIS, Secretary.

☞ **San Francisco Press Club—A Regular** meeting of the San Francisco Press Club will be held on this [Saturday] afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen.

M. M. NOAH, Sec'y. J. E. LAWRENCE, President.
April 21st, 1855.

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3—A splendid BRICK RESIDENCE and LOT on the south-west corner of Stafford and Washington streets Lot 21 feet front by 60 feet deep. 13,500

4—A two story FRAME HOUSE, lathed and plastered, and LOT on Dupont street. Lot 21 feet front by 58 feet deep, 5,000

5—LOT on Filbert st, in the 50 vara lot No 790, 37½ ft front by 137½ ft deep, with COTTAGE thereon, 3,000

6—Three story DWELLING HOUSE, (first story of brick) and LOT, on the south east corner of Sand and Clay sts; fronting 28 ft on Clay, and 71½ ft on Sand st; house lathed and plastered, 7,000

7—A two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st, commencing 200 feet west of the northwest cor. of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 20 ft front by 90 deep, 6,500

8—A two and a half story cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Bush st, between Stockton and Powell, fronting 23 feet on Bush st, and 68 feet 6 inches deep; hard finished, 4,250

9—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Powell st, commencing 98 ft south of the southeast cor. of Powell and Sutter; 39 ft front by 47½ ft deep, 2,000

10—An elegant two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Pacific street, commencing 96½ 6 in. west of the southwest corner of Powell and Pacific, 23 ft front by 60 feet deep, 12,000

11—A two story frame dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the east side of Dupont street, between Lombard and Greenwich; lot 40 feet front by 120 feet deep, 4,500

12—A three story splendid dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north-east corner of Powell and Clay streets, 20 ft front on Powell street, by 60 ft deep, 7,000

13—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, between Kearny and Dupont sts, 20 ft front by 60 deep, 2,500

14—A genteel two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich street, commencing 100 feet west at the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich, 20 ft front by 90 ft deep, 6,500

15—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Sutter street, commencing 21 ft east of the south east cor of Powell and Sutter sts, 23 ft 6 in. front and 60 feet deep, 2,500

16—A two story HOUSE and LOT on the east side of Pike street, commencing 23 ft 9 inches north of the north-east corner of Pike and Sacramento sts, 23 ft 9 in. front, by 36 ft 8 in deep, 4,000

17—A two story basement and brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT, commencing 47 ft 6 in. north of the north-east corner of Sacramento and Pike sts, 21 ft 3 inches front by 36 feet 8 inches deep, 8,500

18—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Broadway bet Taylor and Jones sts; lot 23 ft 6 in by 60 feet deep. 1,500

19—A two story and basement HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Vallejo street, bet. Kearny and Dupont; 20 feet front by 60 feet deep, 3,000

20—An elegant two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Washington street, commencing 21 feet west of the south-west corner of Stafford and Washington sts, lot 20 feet six inches front by 60 feet deep, 12,000

21—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Powell street, commencing 60 feet south of the south-east cor. of Powell and Sutter sts; 20 ft front by 47 ft 6 in. deep, 1,500

22—A three story splendid private RESIDENCE and LOT on Powell st, commencing 20 feet north of the north-east corner of Powell and Clay streets, lot 20 feet front by 60 feet deep,

23—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on Stevenson street near Third; 20 ft front by 70 ft deep, 2,250

24—A three story frame HOUSE and LOT on the west side of Kearny st, bet. Broadway and Hinckley sts, lathed and plastered; lot 20 ft front, 62½ deep 5,500

25—A three story dwelling HOUSE and LOT, (first story of brick) on the west side of Stafford st, commencing 164 ft 6 in. south of the southwest cor. of Stafford and Washington streets, 33 feet front by 61 feet 9 inches deep, 7,500

26—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on the southwest corner of Sacramento and Leavenworth sts; 37½ ft front by 56 feet deep, 8,000

27—A two story brick HOUSE and LOT on the south-east corner of Hinckley street and Pinckney Place, 22 feet front by 30 feet deep, 1,800

28—A cottage HOUSE and LOT adjoining the last on the East, 18 ft front on Hinckly st, 30 ft deep 1,000

29—A cottage House and Lot, the same as the last, on the East, 1,500

30—A splendid two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Washington st, commencing 41 ft 6 in. west of the south west corner of Stafford and Washington sts, fronting 20 ft 3 inches on Washington st, by 60 feet deep,

31—An elegant building LOT on Stafford street, commencing 64 feet 6 inches south of the south-west corner of Stafford and Washington sts, fronting 20 feet by 61 feet 9 inches deep, 12,000

32—A LOT adjoining on the south, same dimensions as the last, 2,500

33—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st, commencing 80 feet west of the northwest corner of Dupont and Greenwich; lot 20 ft front by 90 ft deep. 2,500

34—An elegant building LOT on the south-east corner of Sutter and Powell sts, fronting 24 feet on Sutter st by 69 feet on Powell st, 6,500

35—A splendid building LOT on the east side of Powell st, commencing 80 ft south of the south-east cor of Powell and Sutter sts, 18 ft front by 47½ deep, 3,000

36—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Read st, bet. Clay and Washington; lot 20 ft front by 60 ft deep, 1,000

37—A two story HOUSE and LOT on east side of Dupont street, between Pine and Bush, No 286; lot 20 by 60 feet, 1,000

38—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Pacific street, between Dupont and Stockton; lot 20 feet front by 65 feet deep, 4,500

39—A splendid three story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north-east corner of Sacramento and Pike streets; 23 ft front by 36 ft 8 inches deep, 4,500

40—A splendid two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Third street, between Bryant and Harrison, 25 feet front by 75 feet deep, 7,500

41—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, between Mason and Powell, in 50 vara lot No; 395; 20 feet by 75 feet in depth, 1,800

42—A splendid building LOT on the southwest corner of Washington and Priest sts, 31 ft on Washington st, by 37 ft 6 inches on Priest street, 1,000

43—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on Mission st, 90 ft east of the southeast corner of Johnson and Mission streets, 25 feet by 160 feet, 1,500

44—A splendid two story HOUSE and LOT in 50 vara lot No. 607, between Broadway and Pacific st, 23 feet by 133 feet 6 inches, 3,500

45—A genteel two story brick HOUSE and LOT on Dupont street, commencing 131 ft 8 in. north of the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 21 feet 8 inches by 80 feet in depth, 5,50

46—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, between Mason and Powell sts, in 50 vara lot No 395; 20 feet by 75 feet, 1,800

47—A two story HOUSE and LOT on Priest st, 77 ft 6 inches south of the south-west corner of Washington and Priest streets; 20 feet by 60 feet, 1,500

48—A genteel cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, bet. Mason and Powell sts, in 50 vara lot No 395; 20 by 75 feet, 2,200

49—HOUSE and LOT on Priest st, commencing 57 ft 6 inches south of the south-west cor. of Washington and Priest sts; 20 feet by 60 feet, 1,200

50—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Dupont st, commencing 153 feet 6 in. north of the north west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts, 21 ft 9 in. by 80 ft deep, 6,000

Total.....$.50,000

It is to be understood as a condition annexed to the sale of Shares in the above Association, that in case the property mentioned in the above List of Prizes is not conveyed to the respective winners of the same, free and clear from all incumbrances thereon then they are to receive in cash the same amount that we were to pay the owner of the property. In order also to assure the public of the good faith of the Agents of this Association, and also prevent any fraud in the management of the same, the aggregate amount of said prizes will be deposited by us in the Banking Houses of LUCAS TURNER & CO. and B DAVIDSON, to be drawn by checks signed by us, and payable to the order of each respective winner by name, who on the endorsement of said check, will receive the deed of the property mentioned in his respective Prize. And to prove, as far as lies in our power that this Association is all that we have represented, we beg leave to add, that the above List of Prizes is advertised only with the knowledge and by the consent of every property owner, and that we are acting as Agents for the Association

☞ A meeting of the Shareholders will be called a week previous to the Drawing of the Prizes, to choose a committee to determine the mode of Distribution, which will take place on or before the 1st of May.

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The parties who have organized this Company are well known in the community as old and experienced Expressmen, and hope it will be acknowledged generally that they understand their business thoroughly. They think they are not saying too much when they attribute much of their success of the late firm of Adams & Co., in the Express business to their exertions and personal energies.

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Collections of all kinds will be promptly attended to on any of the points mentioned above.

a7 R. G. NOYES, President

[From the New York Sunday Mercury.]

CASS E. B. ANKER, Esq.

He stood upon the burning roof,
Whence all but him had fled;
The flames had driven all aloof,
For no one showed his head.

Yet beautiful and bright, but hot,
With listless pipe in hand—
The water hath not reached the spot
Where he doth firmly stand.

The flames rolled on, he would not go
Without the foreman's word;
That foreman in the street below
His voice no longer heard.

He called aloud 'Say, eighty-eight,
Why don't you start your stream?'
He wondered what unlucky fate
Had happened his 'masheen.'

'Speak, fellers,' once again he cried,
'Or else I will be gone;'
And but his echoing voice replied—
And fast the flames rolled on.

Upon his brow he felt their breath,
And in his waving hair,—
And looked from his warm post with stealth,
And wished he wasn't there.

He shouted but once more aloud—
'My goodness, must I stay
Here and be burnt?' while to the cloud
The wreathing fires made way.

They wrap the store in splendor then,
They throw the sparks on high;
And stream above our gallant friend
Like banners in the sky.

Then comes a noise of rushing sound,
Our friend—oh, where is Cass?
I'll bet my life that he's around—
The water's come at last.

With hissing force it gushes out;
Full well it plays its part,
And cools the building all about
The place where this chap had so long stood without getting any water, as a hose company wouldn't back out and give his engine theirs 'till an engineer came and made 'em start. GIMLETS.

As a lady of the Fortescue family, who possessed great personal beauty, was walking along a narrow lane, she perceived just behind her a hawker of earthenware, driving an ass with two panniers, laden with his stock in trade. To give the animal and his master room to pass, the lady suddenly stepped aside, which so frightned the donkey that he ran away, and had not proceeded far when he fell, and a great part of the crockery was broken. The lady in her turn became alarmed lest the man should load her with abuse, if not offer to insult her, but he merely exclaimed "Never mind, madam; Balaam's ass was frightened by an angel."

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Banking House of Page, Bacon & Co
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27th 1855

The Public are hereby informed that the Copartnership which expired by its own limitation on the 18th day of February 1855, has been renewed and extended from that date, and all the members comprising the late firm up to the 18th day of February, as aforesaid are now included in the new and extended firm.

DANIEL D PAGE; HENRY D BACON.
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San Francisco, April 7, 1855.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE 763—REORGANIZING THE Fire Department, and for the better regulation of the same.

The people of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1 The Fire Department shall consist of a Chief Engineer and three Assistant Engineers, a Board of Delegates and Fire Engine, Hose and Hook and Ladder men, formed into companies the number of which shall not exceed twenty; and the Secretary of the Board shall be Secretary of the Fire Department.

SEC. 2 A company shall consist of a Foreman, and at least one Assistant Foreman, a Secretary and a Treasurer

An engine company shall not be allowed more than sixty-five certificate members, a Hook and Ladder company no more than sixty-five certificate members, and a Hose Company no more than twenty-five certificate members.

SEC. 3 It shall require at least twenty-five persons not under twenty one years of age to compose a company, all of which must have signed the constitution of the same, previous to their petition of admission, and they shall forward a copy of their constitution, together with the name of their officers and men and their residences, the situation in which they wish to locate, and a petition for admission into the Fire Department, to the Board of Delegates, whose duty it shall be to determine whether such addition is required by the Fire Department Whenever the Board by a majority vote of all its members, shall decide to recommend the admission of a company, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to forward to the Common Council a certificate of such recommendation, together with the petition of the company, the constitution of the same, the names of the officers and men, and their residence and location desired. If such recommendation shall receive the approval of the Common Council, the company shall be declared admitted into the Fire Department and shall be furnished with an engine or other fire apparatus, and a house for receiving the same, by the city. And no petition for the admission of any company will be entertained by the Common Council until it shall have received the recommendation of the Board of Delegates.

SEC. 4 Whenever an engine or hook and ladder company, by reason of deaths, resignations or expulsions shall have reduced its roll to less than twenty-five certificate members, or a hose company to less than fifteen certificate members, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Delegates to notify the Chief Engineer and the Foreman of the Company of the fact. At the first regular meeting of the Board after such notice has been given, it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to that body the condition of the company, and the Board shall then declare whether such company shall be disbanded or continued in the Fire Department to be decided by a majority vote of the members composing the same.

SEC. 5 There shall be an election annually on the first Monday of December, for Chief Engineer and First, Second and Third Assistant Engineers said election to be called by the Mayor, by giving ten days notice in two or more of the daily newspapers, and held at such place as the Board of Delegates may designate The polls to be kept open from nine o'clock, A M until 5 o'clock P. M, under the inspection of three judges, each from a different company, to be appointed by the Board of Delegates The person having the highest number of votes for Chief Engineer shall be declared elected For Assistant Engineers the three persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and shall rank as follows:—The person having the highest number of votes shall be the First Assistant Engineer, the person having the next highest number of votes shall be the Second Assistant Engineer; the person having the next highest number of votes shall be the third Assistant Engineer When a vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Engineer, the Mayor shall call an election as herein before provided to fill such vacancy; but when a vacancy occurs in the office of First or Second Assistant Engineer, the officer next below in rank shall take the vacant office, and an election shall be ordered as above to fill the vacancy in the lower office. All contested elections for Engineers shall be decided by a vote of the Board, and should a tie vote occur in the office of Assistant Engineer, the rank of the same shall be decided by a vote of the Board. The elective term for each Engineer shall be for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified

SEC. 6 Each and every company shall at its stated meeting in October, in every year, elect two of its members as Delegates to the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department which board shall consist of two representatives from each fire company, who shall assemble on the second Wednesday of November, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., in the meeting room of the Board, and organize in conformity with the constitution of the same. They shall make laws for the government of the Fire Department, and all laws made by them shall be binding on every company and member of the department, and any engineer, officer company or member of the Department who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or of said laws, or who shall refuse to obey the lawful orders of the Chief or other engineers, shall upon complaint as hereinafter provided, be tried by the Board, and if found guilty be censured, suspended removed from office, or expelled from the Fire Department as the judgment of the Board may direct. They shall examine the returns and declare the result of all engineer's elections, certifying the same to the Mayor, who shall give them their certificates of office, and they shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed to them by this ordinance.

SEC. 7 All charges and specifications of charges shall be preferred in writing to the Board of Delegates in the name of the Fire Department of the City of San Francisco, a copy of which shall be furnished the accused at least three days before trial. Charges and specifications of charges may be preferred at any meeting stated or special, when the Board of Delegates shall forthwith set a time for trial, which shall not be within seven days from the date the charges may be preferred. All witnesses shall be examined under oath, and in the following order 1st. Prosecution; 2d. Defence. Rebutting evidence may be admitted on either side and when the testimony shall have been closed, the board shall without debate proceed to find upon the guilt or innocence of the accused. If guilty the board shall then assess the punishment

SEC. 8 The foreman of the several fire engines, hook and ladder and hose companies, when called together by the vote of any one company, shall have power to impeach any Chief Engineer or Assistant, for neglect or inability to discharge the duties of his office, or for an unwarrantable exercise of power, and when an impeachment shall be made, the party impeached shall after having received one week's notice of the same together with a written specification of the charges made, be tried before the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, and shall be liable to such action as the Board may deem proper.

SEC. 9 A member of a company may appeal to the Board of Delegates from any decision of his company, in which he is personally concerned, and if it be shown that the company have acted in violation of their own laws, or the laws of the Department, their action shall be declared illegal; but if the contrary be the case, it shall be approved, and no expelled member shall be permitted to join the Department within two years of the date of such expulsion, unless he be reinstated by the company, with the approval of the Board of Delegates An Engineer or company officer who may have been removed from office by the Board shall not thereby be deprived of membership, unless it be so ordered No person who shall have been a member of a disbanded company at the time of such disbandment, shall become a member of the Fire Department within two years of the date of such disbandment except by consent of the Board of Delegates. A registry of all disbanded or expelled members shall be kept by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates.

SEC. 10. Whenever any Chief or Assistant Engineer company, officer, or member of the Department, shall be suspended from duty it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Delegates to note the same in a book provided for that purpose, and no time as a certified member or members of the Fire Department shall be allowed he party or parties suspended, provided however, such suspension has received the confirmation of the Board of Delegates. Nothing however in this Section shall be so construed a to deprive any suspended member of his right to vote at any Department or company election.

SEC. 11 The Chief Engineer shall, in all cases of fire have the sole and absolute command over all the engines, firemen and apparatus belonging to the Fire Department. During a conflagration, his station shall be in front of the fire, which is understood to be the side where the fire rages most; and in discharging a line, he shall transmit his orders through the engineer having charge of said line It shall also be his duty to report to the Common Council at least once in each month, the number and condition of cisterns, fire engines, and other fire apparatus, and fire-engine houses also all accidents by fire that may have taken place in the city, with the cause thereof as well as they can be ascertained, and the number and description of the buildings destroyed or injured, together with the names of the owners or occupants, and also the estimated loss; and such other information and recommendations as he may deem necessary. In case the said Chief Engineer shall fail to make the required monthly report, for the period of two months consecutively, his office shall and in consequence thereof is hereof declared vacant; Whenever any of the fire engines, or other fire apparatus, may require repairs, he shall forthwith report the same to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and under their direction to superintend the repairs thereof: Provided the expense in any one case does exceed one hundred dollars, and the bills for such repairs to be certified to by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water. It shall also be his duty, should any emergency occur during a conflagration, which in his opinion, requires the removal of any building or buildings, or any combustible material, to cause such removal to be made. He shall have power to suspend any company for disobedience of orders, such suspension to last until a decision of the Board of Delegates is had thereon Any company which shall under any pretense whatever, remove their apparatus from the place in which it is deposited when suspended from duty, except such removal shall be by order of the Chief Engineer, shall be forthwith declared disbanded by the Board of Delegates, and all members of the same, or of the Fire Department assisting in such removal, shall be expelled by the Board of Delegates from the Fire Department. A notification of such suspension, together with the cause thereof, shall immediately be left with an officer of the company by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates who shall also notify the President of the Board of Delegates of the same; and it shall be the duty of the President as soon as possible thereafter, to call a meeting of the Board of Delegates to try the cause. Neglect or refusal on the part of any company to answer a charge thus made, shall be considered as an acknowledgement of the charge, in which case they shall be suspended, or expelled, as the judgment of the Board may direct. The Chief Engineer shall receive for his services a yearly salary of Four Thousand Dollars, payable in the same manner as those of the other city officers

SEC. 12 It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water any breaches of the peace, or any improper conduct or practices about engine houses, on the part of any company; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to close the house or remove the apparatus of any company so offending, and report a statement of the facts to the Board of Delegates for their action.

SEC 13. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Engineers on arriving at a fire, to report themselves to the Chief, for his orders, previous to entering upon their duties No Assistant Engineer shall interfere with or attempt to give orders relative to the formation of a line, when he has ascertained that another has command of it; and it shall be his duty to inquire of some officer in command of a company whether there is an Engineer in command of the line When an Engineer, in discharge of his duty, issues an order, it shall be his duty to see such order fully and faithfully executed, and in case of disobedience, to report the names and facts through the Chief Engineer to the Board of Delegates. At all fires or alarms thereof it shall be the duty of the Engineers to transmit their orders to the several companies by their numbers, and to the officer in command if practicable. The Chief and his Assistants shall each before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the Mayor well and faithfully to perform such duties Whenever the Chief Engineer shall be absent from the City, or be prevented from attending to the duties of his office, the senior Assistant shall possess all the rights and powers, perform all the duties, and (unless the Chief be prevented by sickness) receive the compensation of the Chief during such absence or disability.

SEC. 14 Whenever any chief or assistant engineer shall absent himself from the city for the term of more than ten days, without the permission of the Board of Delegates, they shall declare the office vacant when an election to fill the vacancy shall be called as hereinbefore provided.

SEC 15. The Chief and Assistant Engineers shall have white caps with their grade of office painted thereon The Foreman and Assistant of Engine Companies shall have a White front to their caps, with the number of their Company and their grade of office painted thereon. The Foreman and Assistants of Hook and Ladder Companies shall have a white front to their caps, and a hook and ladder, in addition to the number of their company and their grade of office, painted thereon. The Foremen of Hose Companies shall have a white front to their caps, and a coil of hose in addition to the number of their company and their grade of office painted thereon.

SEC. 16 The Secretary of the Board of Delegates shall keep a book containing the names of all the members of the Fire Department, under the head of the name and number of the company to which they may respectively belong; said book shall be so arranged as to show opposite his name the date on which each member joined the Department, which shall be understood to be the date on which his certificate was issued, also, the date of all the deaths, resignations and expulsions—the entry citing the fact opposite his name and date of membership Said book shall be styled a book of Registry of the Fire Department, and shall be open at all times to the inspection of the public; he shall fill up and sign all certificates of membership, and by instruction of the Board of Delegates affix the seal of the Department to any document and perform such other duties as the laws of the Department may prescribe.

SEC. 17. A Certificate of Register shall upon the payment of two dollars to the Secretary of the Board of Delegates, be given to each active member duly certified to the Board. A diploma or certificate of services shall upon application to the Secretary of the Board, be given to any registered member, who may have served the last twelve consecutive months preceding his application. An exempt certificate shall, upon application to the Board, be granted to any person who shall have been a registered member of the Department for the term of five years. No person but a certificate member shall, under any circumstances, be permitted to hold office in the Department, or in any Company thereof, or to vote at any company or department election, nor for any department officer unless he shall have been a certificate member at least ninety days last preceding such election Engineers elect shall be entitled to certificates as members of the Fire Department said certificates to expire with their terms of office A registry of exempt names shall be kept by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates

SEC 18. The Secretary of each Company shall report to the Board of Delegates, semi-annually, in the months of November and May, the roll of his company, stating the number of men enrolled who are active firemen; also, the names of persons elected, resigned, suspended or expelled from the company and such other information as he may deem expedient; and at least ten days previous to an election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, a certified list of the certificate members of his company, and the Secretary of the Board of Delegates shall compare the said list with the Book of Registry of the Fire Department and erase from the Book of Registry the names of all deceased, resigned, or expelled members. He shall also erase from the return of the Company, the names of all such as shall not have been members at least ninety days preceding such election and after correcting such list shall supply the Judges of Election with a certified copy of the same, which list shall comprise the voters, and none others shall be entitled to vote at said election.

SEC 19 Each and every company shall keep their apparatus in good order and condition, so that it shall be ready for service at any moment, and the Secretary of each Company shall report to the Chief Engineer (in the months of January and July) the condition of the Company, and the number of times they have been in service with a list of members.

SEC 20 No minors shall be permitted to assume the garb of firemen, have access to any of the places of deposite of the apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, or form associations for the purpose of running with any fire apparatus; and any Fire Company in the City of San Francisco who shall permit any violation of the provisions of this section, shall, at the option of the Board of Delegates be disbanded

SEC. 21 No Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder, or Hose Cart during any fire in this City, or any report of fire, or at any time under any pretence whatever, shall be taken or removed out of its house unless the Foreman or one of the Assistant Foremen, or at least two of the members of the Company to which it is attached shall be present and consent thereto, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be forfeited and paid by and recovered from any and every person aiding and assisting in, or consenting to the violation of any of the provisions of this section.

SEC. 22 No house in the possession of any Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder or Hose Company, shall be used for any purpose not directly concerning the Company to whom the same appertains, without the previous consent, in writing, of the Foreman of such Company.

SEC. 23. Every Fireman, during the time of any conflagration, shall have all the powers of a policemen. They may prevent persons other than firemen (except it be policemen, owners of goods or owners of property, particularly interested in the removal of their goods) from coming into such portion of the city as may interfere with the the firemen in the extinguishment of fires, and they are hereby empowered to make arrests for any violation of this ordinance without complaint or citation

SEC. 24 The Joint Committee on Fire and Water is authorized to sell for cash any old and condemned fire engines, hose carts, hook and ladder trucks, hose, or any other apparatus belonging to the Fire Department; and the money received for such engines or apparatus when sold, shall be deposited with the City Treasurer, and receipt therefor be deposited with the City Comptroller

SEC. 25. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a dray, cart, truck or other vehicle, across any fire-hose, unless said hose is protected in such a way as to prevent all possibility of injury. For every violation of this section; the party so offending shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars, or to fine or imprisonment as the Recorder may determine.

SEC. 26. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use for private purposes the water from any public cistern in the City of San Francisco, and any person or persons convicted of so using such water, shall be subjected to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, nor less than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SEC. 27 The Board of Delegates shall, at their stated meeting in November, in each and every year elect three persons to serve as Bell Ringers of the City Hall Bell, who shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board, and for a violation of the same they shall be amenable to the Board. The salaries of said Bell Ringers shall be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per month each to be paid out of the Fire Department Fund in the same manner as the salaries of the other City officers.

SEC. 28. All fines collected under all fire ordinances shall be appropriated to the Fire Department charitable fund; they shall be paid to the City Treasurer, who is hereby authorized and instructed to pay over the same to the to the Treasurer of the Fire Department Charitable Fund Association taking his receipt therefor, which receipts shall be deposited in the office of the City Comptroller

SEC. 29. Title I of chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of San Francisco, be and is hereby repealed.

J C MAYNARD
President (pro tem.) Board of Ass't Aldermen
JOSEPH F ATWILL,
President Board of Aldermen.

Approved February 19th, 1855

S. P. WEBB.
Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally and returned by the Mayor with his approval, dated 19th February 1855

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